tent firing for the last two months in the Poonch and Rajouri Sectors;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there have been many cases of violation of Indian airspace by Pakistan planes; and

(c) whether Government have lodged any protest in this regard and what measures are also being taken in view of the provocative attitude of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) There have been some cases of unprovoked firing by Pakistani troops in the Poonch sector during the last two months. However, there has been no firing incident in the Rajouri Sector in this period.

(b) There have been some cases of violation of Indian air space by Pakistani aircraft during the same period.

(c) Firing incidents are sought to be resolved bilaterally in flag meetings between local commanders. Protests have been lodged with Pakistan regarding air violations. Our Armed Forces are ever vigilant to counter any threat to the security of the country.

Increase in border clashes with Pakistan

1195. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incident of border clashes and exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops have increased this year as compared to that in the previous year;

(b) if so, what is the number of casualties in each case; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to check such activities from across the border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) There has been some increase this year in the incidents of exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops across the Line of Control in J&K as compared to the previous year. Casualties have been minimal and it would not be desirable to disclose details.

(c) Flag meetings are held at the local commanders' level to sort out problems arising out of such incidents.

1196. [*Transferded to the 8th December*, 1985].

Poverty line

1197. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have any proposal to raise the minimum monthly income level per household to determine the poverty line;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) No, Sir. The poverty cut-off point is estimated on the basis of stipulated minimum calorie requirements per capita and they have not been changed from the Sixth Plan level. However, the money expenditure per household needed for meeting these calorie requirements has been revised upwards, taking into consideration the rise in the price of consumption goods over the Sixth Plan period.

(b) and (c) The poverty line is updated for use in the Seventh Plan period taking into account the price rise in the consumption basket of the poor using the CSO's private consumption deflator as a proxy for the price rise in the consumption basket. Accordingly, the poverty line for the household works out to Rs. 6400 per annum for the rural sector and Rs. 7300 per annum for the urban sector at 1984-85 prices. The basis of the estimation of poverty line based on the desired requirements of calories of 2400 per person per day in the rural area and 2100 per person per day in the urban area have remained unchanged.

Comparative benefits of IAS and IPS officers

1198. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the comparative benefits including perks etc., presently being enjoyed by the IPS and IAS Officers; and

(b) whether there has been any demand by the IPS and IAS Officers for further benefits, if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The pay scales for posts in the senior scale and above for IAS are higher than those prescribed for the IPS. The other benefits are, however, regulated by the same set of rules for both IAS and IPS. In addition, the IPS officers are entitled to Kit Maintenance Allowance and Uniform Grant.

(b) Yes, Sir. There have been demands by the IAS and IPS officers for improvement of pay, pension and the various other conditions of service and the whole matter has been remitted to the Fourth Pay Commission.

Criminal cases against JNU students

1199. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of criminal cases pending before various courts in Delhi against students/ex-students of JNU;

(b) whether there was any request for withdrawal of any such cases;

(c) whether any case was withdrawn recently;

(d) if so, what are the names of the accused and charges withdrawn against them; and

(e) what other steps Government are taking to ensure amity on the campus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) In all 5 criminal cases were pending before the various courts in Delhi against the students of J.N.U.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Out of the five criminal cases, two cases FIR No. 147 and 148/83 under sections 147/149/341/342/506/186/353/332/447/148 IPC Police Station Vasant Bihar, registered against 370 J.N.U. students (320 male and 50 female) were withdrawn by the Delhi Administration on 21-9-1985.

(e) The steps taken to ensure amity on the campus are as under:—

(i) Intensive foot and mobile patrolling.